Speed post centres in the country

718. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of speed post centres operating in the country as on the 31st January, 1988; and

(b) how many such new centres are likely to be opened during the current year and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 35 Speed Post Centres and 6 extension counters (only for booking of Speed Post articles) are operating in the country, as on 31st January, 1988.

(b) During the current financial year 2 more new centres (Bhopal and Raipur) will be opened. No assurance can be given at present as to how many new centres will be opened during this current calendar year except for the two, mentioned above.

Combined cycle power plant in Andhra Pradesh

719. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state what is the present stage of the clearance of the Andhra Pradesh Government proposal for setting up of a 6x25 megawatt combined cycle power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): In January, 1988, the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board had revised the proposal from installation of 6x25 MW units to installation of 3x33 units at Narsapur-Razole. The revised proposal has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority and investment approval has also since been accorded.

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720. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are obtaining sales turnover of drugs in Form-4 and Form-6 of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not monitoring the sales turn over;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are regularly subscribing to ORG which provide the details of sales turnover of products company-wise and the change of prices of medicines as well;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are also not monitoring the increase in the prices of medicines; and

(e) if so, what is the purpose of subscribing to ORG and obtaining the information on Form-4 and Form-6 of DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Government is obtaining the various returns as per DPCO, 1987.

(b) The Government does not monitor sales turn over of each and every formulation.

(c) ORG provides details of retail sales of only about 170 pharmaceutical companies. To this extent, it does not cover the entire pharmaceutical market.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.